



THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Family Physicians Links

Message from the President



Happy Chinese New Year 恭賀新禧

At the time of writing, people are busy preparing for the Chinese New Year, the Year of Tiger. It is a tradition among us that parents buy new clothing and shoes for children, "red packets" are prepared with new bank notes and housewives work overtime for year-end dinners and celebrations.

It is also the time for planning. A couple of things are happening in relation to our College and Family Medicine. We need new ideas for the future development in terms of undergraduate and postgraduate education, vocational training and professional assessment. The Open Forum in January was well attended by members and lots of comments and ideas were gathered. I am very pleased that we can share our experiences and feelings. It is just the beginning of a long venture for the College to push through a long awaited new vocational training programme with a new starting point.

The role of our College in the undergraduate medical education is well recognized. Last month I was invited to present a HKCFP prize at the HKU Medical Faculty Graduation Ceremony to the candidate who has produced an excellent report in his clinical attachment of the FM module. The importance of a strong FM curriculum cannot be over-emphasized. I am sure the two Medical Faculties will move with local and international expectations that Family Medicine is at the core of teaching and training of doctors and healthcare providers.

It is never easy to set standards in any medical specialties and especially for Family Medicine. It has to strike a balance between the expectations of patients, colleagues of the medical profession as a whole and the policy-maker. Universities have a crucial role to play and their products are the raw materials. Everything is inter-linked in a cycle and each affects one another. If undergraduate teaching in Family Medicine is not satisfactory, it will be hard to convince young doctors to specialize in Family Medicine. If vocational training is not satisfactory, the standards of practice will not be good. As a result, patients, who cannot appreciate the advantage of good family doctors, will have less demand for the

service. Hence, Government is not going to allocate the resources for the provision and development of Family Medicine in the healthcare system. It will also affect the Medical Faculties of the two Universities in their funding and structuring of the medical curriculum. Forgive me if I am being long-winded, but this is exactly what has been happening in the past decades.

The output of Specialists in Family Medicine every year has been monitored. The highest number in the last 10 years was 34 in 2009. The total cumulated number is 248. We are amongst the smallest College in terms of the number of Fellows in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. If we tell the Government that primary care services will need 2700 specialists in Family Medicine to meet the demand, we are very far from the target, which may never be achievable. We need to re-think and be pragmatic. I do not advocate lowering our standards to meet the demand, but the mindset needs to be changed among some of us. The attitude of every doctor in his daily practice is dominated by his experience and personal value. Training can provide the required knowledge and skills, and perhaps modify some of the behavior of trainees. The most deficient area in both undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum is the teaching of medical ethics. I have to emphasize that I am not referring to the medico-legal aspects of medical practice. Criminal offences such as indecent assault of patients are commonly reported. Recently, there was an article in the SCMP about doctors taking rebates or "kickbacks" by referring patients to specialists. Those incidences have a far more damaging impact to the professional integrity and public confidence to our advices. Surely it is a serious matter for all of us, especially medical educators, who should study what has been missing in the making of a good doctor.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you health, wealth and luck in abundance throughout the year of Tiger.



Dr. Gene W W Tsoi
President



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The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians
Annual Scientific Meeting 2010
29 – 30 May 2010

“Meeting the Challenges of Non-Communicable Diseases”

It is our great pleasure to announce that the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting 2010 (HKCFP ASM 2010) will take place on 29 – 30 May 2010 at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong.

The theme for the HKCFP ASM 2010 is “Meeting the Challenges of Non-Communicable Diseases”. Non-communicable disease prevention and management is an emerging global challenge with the past decade witnessing local and international initiatives aiming to improve care for non-communicable diseases, and the focus on the community, family medicine, general practice and primary care. The ASM 2010 will provide a forum for family physicians and other health care professionals to exchange their experiences and ideas, and to foster collaboration towards meeting the challenges posted by non-communicable diseases in our communities.

We now cordially invite you to submit abstracts for free papers and posters presentations at the HKCFP ASM 2010, as well as to participate in our full paper competition. Instructions for abstract submission and full paper competition are available on the next few pages and at our College website.

Stay tuned for more information on HKCFP ASM 2010 at our College website, future issues of the Hong Kong Practitioner and FP Links. I hope that you will join and enrich our ASM in May 2010 and I very much look forward to welcoming you.

Dr. Man-kuen Cheung
 Chairlady
 HKCFP ASM 2010 Organizing Committee

The HKCFP Annual Scientific Meeting 2010
PROGRAMME



Day 1 – 29 May 2010 (Saturday)

13:45 - 14:30 Registration
 14:30 - 15:00 Opening Ceremony
 15:00 - 15:30 Plenary Session 1
 15:30 - 16:00 Plenary Session 2
 16:00 - 16:30 Tea Break
 16:30 - 18:30* Paper Presentation
 Workshop 1:
Common Office Procedure (Part A)
 Workshop 2:
Insulin Injection for Diabetic Patients (Part A)

Day 2 – 30 May 2010 (Sunday)

09:00 - 9:30 Registration
 09:30 - 11:00* Paper Presentation
 Workshop 1:
Common Office Procedure (Part B)
 Workshop 2:
Insulin Injection for Diabetic Patients (Part B)
 11:00 - 11:30 Tea Break
 11:30 - 12:00 Plenary Session 3
 12:00 - 12:30 Plenary Session 4
 12:30 - 14:00 Conference Lunch
 14:00 - 15:00 Symposium

* Concurrent sessions

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ASM Full Paper Competition

(Submission Deadline: 31 March 2010)

We cordially invite your participation in the Full Paper Competition of the HKCFP ASM 2010. The Competition is a long-standing tradition of HKCFP ASM for promoting and recognizing well-designed, innovative research, which bears potential to exert impact in clinical practice or development in the field of family medicine.

The HKCFP ASM 2010 Organizing Committee will invite renowned scholars to review the participating papers. Judges appointed by the Organizing Committee will determine the final awardees based on qualities of the papers.

The winner will be awarded the Best Research Paper Award, which will be presented at the opening ceremony of the HKCFP ASM 2010. The winning team will also be featured in our college newsletter – Family Physicians Links (FP Links).

Awards

The **Best Research Paper Award** winner will receive **HK\$5,000** and a certificate.

Eligibility Requirements and Author Guidelines

To be eligible for participation in the full paper competition, **the first author of the paper must meet ALL of the following conditions:**

- (1) The author is currently a member of the HKCFP;
- (2) The author completes the main parts of the research and writing for the paper;
- (3) The author has not used the paper to apply for other awards.

The participating papers should be full-length articles. They should include a structured abstract of no more than 250 words. The text should contain between 2,000-3,000 words, organized as INTRODUCTION, METHODS, RESULTS and DISCUSSIONS, and consist of no more than 5 illustrations (tables/figures).

Award Selection Criteria

Each paper will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. Academic rigor of the paper (e.g. originality, methodology, organization and presentation)
2. Relevance to family medicine (e.g. importance of the topic and the impact of the findings on the practice or development of family medicine)

How to Submit

All submitted full papers will be automatically enrolled into the Best Research Paper Award. Participants should submit their papers according to the abstract submission instructions.

For any enquiry, please send an email to the HKCFP ASM 2010 Organizing Committee at: asm2010@hkcfp.org.hk.

Submission Deadline

31 March 2010 (Wednesday)

If you have any question concerning the ASM 2010 Full Paper Competition, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Patrick Wu or Ms. Teresa Liu, the ASM 2010 secretaries, by phone at 2528 6618 or by email: asm2010@hkcfp.org.hk.

We look forward to receiving your research articles!

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Abstract Submission Instructions

Abstract Format

- Submit a hardcopy of the abstract with the “Abstract Submission Form”.
- Abstract should be printed in 12-point fonts. Handwritten abstracts will not be accepted.
- The abstract must not exceed 250 words, and should be organized as follows: TITLE, AUTHOR(S), INTRODUCTION, METHODS, RESULTS and DISCUSSIONS. Commentaries and discussion papers need not follow the above format apart from the TITLE and AUTHOR(S).
- Authors’ full names and affiliations must be specified. Surnames should be printed in bold.
- All abstracts must be submitted either in English or Chinese. All accepted abstracts must be presented in English.

How to Submit

- 1) **Email Submission** – Attach the abstract in the format of Microsoft Word or PDF File and send to asm2010@hkcfp.org.hk ; or
- 2) **Disk Submission** – Post the CD-Rom to “The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians, 7th Floor, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong.”

IMPORTANT: The Abstract Submission Form is available for downloading at our College website. Please submit the abstract with the form.

Please Note

- 1) The submitted abstract must not be identical to the abstract submitted to other conferences.
- 2) The Organizing Committee will have the right of final decision on the acceptance of an abstract.
- 3) Only **ONE** designated presenter can present an accepted abstract. Co-authors are welcome to register for and attend the session.
- 4) If you have any question concerning abstract submission, please contact Mr. Patrick Wu or Ms. Teresa Liu, by phone at 2526 6618 or by email asm2010@hkcfp.org.hk.
- 5) The deadline for abstract submission is **31 March 2010 (Wednesday)**.

HKCFP Annual Scientific Meeting 2010

“MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES”

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Submission Deadline : 31 March, 2010 (Wednesday)

Personal Particulars of Presenting Author

Note: Presenting author must be registered author

Title: Prof. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Name: (Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____

Name in Chinese (if applicable): _____

Organization: _____

Department/Unit: _____

Position: _____

Contact Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Abstract Details

Title of abstract: _____

Three key words which indicate the topic and specific content of the presentation:

Mode of presentation: Oral Poster Abstract published in the Meeting brochure only
 Consent to be published in FP Links & College Website

Submission Method

Email: asm2010@hkcfp.org.hk

(An acknowledgment email will be returned within 5 working days)

Please note:

- 1) The abstract should not exceed 250 words, and should be organized as follows:
 TITLE, AUTHOR(S), INTRODUCTION, METHODS, RESULTS, and DISCUSSIONS
- 2) Handwritten abstracts will NOT be accepted
- 3) The Organising Committee will make the final decision on the acceptance of the abstract
- 4) HKCFP has the right to publish the accepted abstracts
- 5) Please read the “Abstract Submission Instructions” before completing this form

If you have any question concerning abstract submission, please contact Mr. Patrick Wu or Ms Teresa Liu, the ASM 2010 secretaries, at 2528 6618 or Email: asm2010@hkcfp.org.hk

HKCFP Annual Scientific Meeting 2010
29 – 30 May 2010, HKAM Jockey Club Building, Wong Chuk Hang, HK

“Meeting the Challenges of Non-Communicable Diseases”

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: Prof. / Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Institution: _____

Contact No.: _____ Member ID (if applicable): _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____

REGISTRATION FEES (please tick as appropriate):

	HKCFP Member	Non-member
HKCFP Annual Scientific Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> Complimentary	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$600
Workshop 1: Common Office Procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$200	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$400
Workshop 2: Insulin Injection for Diabetic Patients	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$200	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$400

Notes:

Please prepare separate cheque(s) for registration of the ASM and the chosen workshop.

Each member can only register for **ONE** workshop.

Workshop registration is subject to availability. Cheques will be returned to unsuccessful registrants.

COMPLIMENTARY TRANSPORTATION will be provided to pick up registrants at designated locations. If you are interested, please tick as appropriate.

Pick-up Points	May 29, 2010	May 30, 2010
Admiralty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kowloon Tong MTR station	<input type="checkbox"/>	---
Tuen Mun Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	---

Note: Details concerning the transportation arrangements will be further announced.

PAYMENT METHOD

Please send the completed registration form with crossed cheque(s) payable to “HKCFP Education Ltd” to the following address:

Room 701, 7/F, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong.

If you have any questions concerning ASM 2010, please contact Mr. Patrick Wu or Ms. Teresa Liu, the ASM 2010 secretaries, by email: asm2010@hkcfp.org.hk or by phone at 2528 6618.

Registration forms can also be downloaded in the College website – www.hkcfp.org.hk

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Gratitude to members of FP Links Committee

The FP Links Committee welcomes Dr. Fung Hoi Tik as our new member of the Editorial Board. The Committee would also like to thank Dr. Wong Kwai Wing for his past contributions to FP Links.

The HKCFP Extraordinary General Meeting 2010

Date: 18 March 2010 (Thursday)
 Time: 9:00 p.m.
 Venue: Room 702-3, 7/F, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen
 Admission: Members Only

Membership Committee News

The Council approved, on recommendation of the Membership Committee Chairman, the following applications for membership in **January 2010** Council Meeting:

Transfer from Associate Membership to Fellowship

Dr. AU Chui Kwan	區翠培
Dr. CHAN Lok Man	陳諾文
Dr. CHAN Shan Ching	陳山正
Dr. CHAN Yu	陳宇
Dr. CHE Ka Seng	謝家勝
Dr. CHENG Cheuk Hong	鄭灼康
Dr. CHEUK Man Cheong, Eric	卓文昌
Dr. CHEUK Wing Ngar	卓穎雅
Dr. CHEUNG Mei Yee	張美儀
Dr. CHEUNG Wang Chung	張宏聰
Dr. CHEUNG Wing Wo	張永和
Dr. CHOW Kai Lim	周啟廉
Dr. CHOW Sheung Yan, Alex	周尚仁
Dr. FUNG Sau Man	馮秀文
Dr. HA Kwok Leung	夏國棟
Dr. KO Siu Hin	高曉軒
Dr. KWAN Shu To	關樹濤
Dr. KWOK Hon Chu, Kenneth	郭漢柱
Dr. KWOK Lai Ping, Steffi	郭麗萍
Dr. LAM Man Chun	林文俊
Dr. LAU Pui Lam	劉沛霖
Dr. LAU Yue Young, Geoffrey	劉宇揚
Dr. LEE Cheuk Pong	李卓邦
Dr. LEE Chik Pui	李植沛
Dr. LEE Ling Hin	李靈軒
Dr. LEE Pui Wai	李沛謙
Dr. LEE Wing Yi	李詠儀
Dr. LEE Yee Lam	李靄琳
Dr. LEUNG Sze Wan, Selina	梁詩韻
Dr. LEUNG Wan Chiu	梁韻超
Dr. LEUNG Yiu Man, Gordon	梁耀民
Dr. LI Kong Yu	李光宇

Dr. LO Sze Mon	羅思敏
Dr. LUK Man Hei, Matthew	陸文熹
Dr. MAK Kam Lun	麥錦麟
Dr. NG Wai	吳慧
Dr. NGAN Ka Lai, Raymond	顏嘉禮
Dr. PONG Pong, Leopard	龐滂
Dr. POON Ting Kong	潘定江
Dr. PUN Lai Yin	潘禮賢
Dr. SIU Pui Yi, Natalie	蘇佩儀
Dr. SO Siu Hei	蘇兆熙
Dr. SY Wing Man	施詠雯
Dr. TAM John Hugh	譚仲豪
Dr. TANG Hiu Wai	鄧曉煒
Dr. WAT Pui Kwan, Judy	屈嫻君
Dr. WONG Chung Tao	黃頌濤
Dr. WONG Fai Ying	黃輝瑩
Dr. WU Sze Man	胡詩敏
Dr. WU Tsz Yuen	吳子源
Dr. YEUNG Wai Man	楊偉民

Student Membership (New Application)

Mr CHAN Yau Ki, Wilson	陳祐祈
Ms CHAN Natalie Christine	陳秀敏
Ms CHENG Ching Shui	鄭清禮
Ms HO Lydia Wing Bing	何穎冰
Ms YEUNG Fanny	楊子穎

Associate Membership (New Application)

Dr. LAM Wai Kit	林偉傑
Dr. LO Kwok Man	羅國文
Dr. POON Tak Pak	潘德柏

Reinstatement of Associate Membership

Dr. SAKHRANI Ponam	薛寶琳
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Reinstatement of Full Membership

Dr. FONG, Garry Kin Lee	龐建理
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"Council Member-On-Duty" (CMOD) System

Dear College members,

We are still providing this alternative channel of communication for you to reach us. Do let us have your ideas and comments so that we can further improve our services to all the members.

For this month, from 15th February till 14 March, 2010, Dr. Andrew K K Ip and Dr. Mark S H Chan will be the Council Members on duty. Please feel free to make use of this channel to voice your doubts, concerns, queries, and comments about anything relating to our College and Family Medicine. You can reach us by contacting our College Secretariat by phone: 2528 6618, by fax: 2866 0616, or by email: hkcfp@hkcfp.org.hk. Once we receive your call or message, we will get in touch with you directly as soon as we can.



Dr. Andrew K K Ip Dr. Mark S H Chan

Dr. Tony C K Lee
Co-ordinator, CMOD System

The 32nd HKCFP Annual Dinner

Dr. Li Heung Wing
Master of Ceremony of the 32nd HKCFP Annual Dinner
Family Medicine Specialist, New Territories East Cluster

The 32nd HKCFP annual dinner was successfully held on the 12th December, 2009 at the Super Star Seafood Restaurant in Wanchai. There were more than 200 guests, including the college's committee members, secretarial staff, successful candidates of examinations and their family members. It was the occasion to appreciate the hard work of our college staff in smoothening the college's daily operations, to say a heartfelt thank you to all examiners for their help in the Conjoint and Exit examinations and to share the joy of successful candidates.

Dr. Gene Tsoi, our college president, gave the welcome speech and shared his experience of college development. He represented the college to acknowledge our secretarial staff for their commendable work in college's operations. Our vice-president, Dr. Chan Hung Chiu, shared his experience in preparing the college's Conjoint examination and thanked our examiners.

This year, about 40 successful candidates were invited to share their experience of examinations. Dr. Winson TB Chan and Dr. Frances Yu represented the Conjoint examination candidates. Dr. Dana Lo and Dr. Chan Ching represented the Diploma of Family Medicine candidates. Dr. Lawrence Wong represented the Exit examination candidates. They had overcome various difficulties and worked under tremendous stress throughout the course of part-time studies. Their journeys to success were full of fears and tears and now they shared their joy with us. We congratulated them and wished them all success in the future.

Finally it came to the lucky draw, which was the highlight of the evening. We received sponsorship from fellow members and business partners. There were plenty of prizes, including cash coupons, I-pod, cameras, and one laptop computer, to name just a few. Dr. KW Chung was the luckiest one amongst all desiring participants and he won the laptop computer.

This year's annual dinner was a memorable occasion and we all look forward to the next year's!!!



Sponsorship for attending 19th WONCA World Conference in Cancun, Mexico 19-23 May 2010

Application deadline: 28 February 2010

The 19th WONCA world conference will be yet another opportunity for family doctors to gather and share research and practice experiences. It is a very good occasion to foster ties between family practice organizations as well as individual doctors. Council has decided to grant a sponsorship with a maximum of HKD20,000 per member for TWO members to attend the captioned conference. Applicants are required to submit a written report of around 800 words within one month after the conference. All applications shall be subject to the Council's approval.

The sponsorship is open to all members. Interested members please download and complete the application form at <http://www.hkcfp.org.hk/> under the section of "DOWNLOADS" and return the form to the Secretariat by 28 February 2010.

Please visit <http://www.wonca2010cancun.com/> for further information.

HKCFP Secretariat

Board of Vocational Training and Standards News

Reminder: Enrolment of Higher Training

Basic trainees who have completed 4 years of basic vocational training and attained a higher qualification in Family Medicine can be enrolled into the higher training program.

For those who plan to sit for the Exit Examination in 2012, please submit the application for higher training **ON OR BEFORE 1st March 2010 (Monday)** in order to meet the requirement for sitting the Examination. The application forms are available from the College Secretariat or the College website www.hkcfp.org.hk

Higher Training Subcommittee
BVTs

Higher Training Introductory Seminar

A Higher Training Introductory Seminar will be held in March 2010 for all newly enrolled higher trainees, existing trainees and clinical supervisors. The seminar is designed to help higher trainees and supervisors to understand and get more information of our training programme.

Details of the seminar are as follows:

Speakers: Dr. Lui Luen Pun (Chairman, Higher Training Subcommittee), and
Dr. Yuen Shiu Man (Chairman, BVTs)

Date: 13 March 2010 (Saturday)

Time: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Venue: Room 803-04,
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Please contact Ms Carmen Cheng or Mr Patrick Wu at 2528 6618 for any queries.

TWENTY-FOURTH Conjoint HKCFP/RACGP Fellowship Examination SECOND Announcement

The Board of Conjoint Examination is pleased to announce the following information on the Twenty-fourth Conjoint Fellowship Examination with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners to be held in 2010.

(#The 'Pre-requisite for clinical examination' has been updated as below, which supersedes that in the First Announcement.)

(1) REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

All candidates **MUST** be at the time of application for the Examination and at the time of the Conjoint Examination:

1. FULL OR ASSOCIATE members of BOTH HKCFP AND RACGP*
2. FULLY REGISTERED with the Hong Kong Medical Council*
(*Documentary evidence is required with the application - including a valid RACGP number.)

In addition, they must be EITHER CATEGORY I OR CATEGORY II CANDIDATES -

- (a) **CATEGORY I CANDIDATES** are graduate doctors who are undergoing a fully approved vocational training programme as outlined in the College's Handbook for Vocational Training in Family Medicine.

After satisfactory completion of two years of approved training, Category I candidates or trainees may apply to sit the Written Examination, both the two segments of which must be taken at the same attempt. After satisfactory completion of four years of supervised training, Category I candidates may apply to sit the Clinical Examination.

(**Note** : All Category I candidates who are current vocational trainees and apply to sit the Written Examination **MUST** submit evidence of completion of at least 15 months of approved training by 31 March 2010, together with the application. Those current vocational trainees who apply for the Clinical Examination **MUST** submit evidence of completion of at least 39 months of approved training by 31 March 2010, together with the application.

Part-time trainees must submit evidence of completion of their vocational training by the time of the Written Examination before they can apply to sit the examination.)

- (b) **CATEGORY II CANDIDATES** are doctors who have been predominantly in general practice for not less than **five** years by 30 June 2010.

Category II candidates must apply to sit **both** the Written Examination and the Clinical Examination at the first application.

Enquiries about eligibility to sit the examination should be directed to the Chairman of the Board of Conjoint Examination.

The eligibility of candidates of both categories is subject to the final approval of the Board of Conjoint Examination, HKCFP.

Application will not be processed unless all the documents are submitted with the application form.

(2) FORMAT AND CONTENTS

- A. Written Examination
Key Feature Problems (KFP), and,
Applied Knowledge Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)
- B. Clinical Examination
Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

(3) PRE-REQUISITE FOR CLINICAL SEGMENTS

All candidates applying to sit for the Clinical Examination of the Conjoint Fellowship Examination **MUST** possess a CPR (Competence in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) certificate issued by the HKCFP*. This validity of this certificate must span the time at which the application for the Examination is made AND the time of the Clinical Examination.

Application will not be processed unless the pre-requisite is fulfilled.

***NOTE:**

In regarding the CPR certificate as issued by the HKCFP, the CPR workshop & examination for 2010 will be held on 27 & 28 March respectively. Details regarding the workshop / examination can be referred to the News of Board of Education (on pg. 27-28). Please register with our College secretariat at 2528 6618 IMMEDIATELY if you do not hold a valid CPR certificate issued by HKCFP and intend to sit for Conjoint Examination 2010.

(4) CRITERIA FOR A PASS IN THE EXAMINATION

A candidate will be required to pass the entire Written Examination in one sitting. That is, if one fails the Written Examination, both the KFP and MCQ segments have to be re-taken. Successful Written Examination result can be retained for three years (until the Clinical Examination of 2013).

The Clinical Examination can only be taken after successful attempt of the Written Examination. If one fails the Clinical Examination, all the OSCE stations have to be re-taken.

A candidate has to pass both the Written and the Clinical Examinations in order to pass the Conjoint HKCFP/RACGP Fellowship Examination.

(5) APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application forms are available from the College Secretariat at Room 701, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. You may also download the application forms from our College website, www.hkcfp.org.hk. Please note that the deadline for application is **23 April 2010**.

(a) CATEGORY I CANDIDATES

Full Examination (Written + Clinical)	\$20,600
Written Examination	\$5,900 plus Administrative Fee \$6,700
First attempt on Clinical Examination	\$8,000
Subsequent attempt on Clinical Examination	\$8,000 plus Administrative Fee \$6,700

(b) CATEGORY II CANDIDATES

Full Examination (Written + Clinical)	\$20,600
Subsequent attempt on Clinical Examination	\$8,000 plus Administrative Fee \$6,700

Please make the cheques payable to **"HKCFP Education Limited"**. If a candidate applies for the Full Examination and **fails the Written Examination, the fee paid for the Clinical Examination HK\$8,000 will be returned.**

(#For application of Full Examination please write 2 separate cheques of HK\$12,600 and HK\$8,000. For the cheque of HK\$8,000, please date it at 1 September 2010.)

(6) REFUND POLICY

If a candidate wishes to withdraw from the examination, and written notification of withdrawal is received by the College 60 days or more prior to the date of the examination, he will receive a refund of \$13,900 (for the whole examination), \$5,900 (for the written examination) or \$8,000 (for the clinical examination). The administration fee of \$6,700 will not be refunded.

No refund of any amount will be given if written notice of withdrawal is received by the College within 60 days of the date of the examination.

All fees paid are not transferable to subsequent examinations.

(7) IMPORTANT DATES

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| • 23 April 2010 (Friday) | Closing Date for Applications |
| • 12 September 2010 (Sunday) | Conjoint Examination – Written Examination (KFP) |
| • 19 September 2010 (Sunday) | Conjoint Examination – Written Examination (MCQ) |
| • (Date(s) to be confirmed) | Conjoint Examination - OSCE |

(8) ELECTION TO FELLOWSHIP

Members should be aware that passing the Conjoint Fellowship Examination does NOT equate with election to the Fellowship of either the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians or the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Those wishing to apply for Fellowship of either or both College(s) should ensure that they satisfy the requirements of the College(s) concerned.

Entry forms for Fellowship, Membership and Associateship of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners are available from both College website (www.hkcfp.org.hk / www.racgp.org.au). You may also contact the HKCFP Secretariat, Room 701, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. Tel: 2528 6618, Fax: 2866 0616.



Dr. Chan Hung Chiu
Chairman
Board of Conjoint Examination

Diploma in Family Medicine (HKCFP) Announcement

The Board is pleased to announce that the Diploma Course in Family Medicine (DFM) organized by The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians will commence in June 2010.

The course consists of FIVE modules. Modules I & II will be delivered by Local Distance Learning. Modules III, IV & V consist of lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops and clinical attachments. The whole course requires ONE year of part-time studies.

Details of the course are as follows:

1. Objectives:

- i) To provide knowledgeable, pragmatic and structured teaching in Family Medicine for medical practitioners
- ii) To encourage professional development of practising medical practitioners and to provide an intermediate step to fellowship qualifications in Family Medicine
- iii) To improve standards and quality in the practice of Family Medicine

2. *Syllabus:

The course consists of FIVE compulsory modules. Doctors graduated from the course are expected to have acquired:

- i) Current concepts about nature of Family Medicine
- ii) Knowledge and skills in consultation, counselling and problem solving
- iii) Knowledge and skills in common practice procedures and emergency care required for good quality family practice
- iv) Understandings towards the role of Family Doctors as gatekeepers of the health-care system and in providing cost-effective primary care to the community

Module I – Principles of Family Medicine (Distance Learning)

Aims: 1. Learn concepts of Family Medicine

2. Understand the role and scope of a Family Doctor

Contents: Definition of Family Physicians, Family Physicians' Functions. Core Values of Family Medicine, Consultation, Future of Family Medicine

Module II – Common Problems in Family Medicine (Distance Learning)

Aims: 1. Enhance consultation, communication and problem solving skills

2. Gain knowledge in common chronic diseases in Family Medicine

Contents: Selected topics from Clinical Psychology, Diabetes Mellitus, Low Back Pain, COPD, Atopic Eczema, Elbow Mass, Facial Rashes, Health Psychology, Allergic Rhinitis, Urethritis, Urine Incontinence, etc.

Module III - Essentials of Family Medicine (Structured Seminars and Tutorials)

Aims: 1. Strengthen knowledge in Family Medicine

2. Understand the potential growth of Family Medicine

3. Develop research and teaching skills in Family Medicine

Contents: Practice Management, Care of Elderly & Chronic illnesses, Anticipatory Care, Clinical Audit & Quality Assurance, Introduction to Family Therapy, Research & Teaching in Family Medicine, Evidence Based Medicine and Critical Appraisal

Module IV - Clinical Updates (Updates and Clinical Attachment)

Aims: Acquire in-depth knowledge and practical skills in selected specialized areas including Medicine, Surgery, Geriatrics, ENT, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Accident & Emergency Medicine, Infectious Diseases and Dermatology

Contents: FIVE Update seminars and ONE clinical attachment on selected specialties including Medicine, Surgery, Geriatrics, ENT, Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Accident & Emergency Medicine, Infectious Diseases and Dermatology (subject to availability)

Module V - Practical Family Medicine (Practical Workshops)

Aims: Enhance practical and communication skills in Family Medicine by Practical Workshops in selected areas including CPR, Consultation Skills, Counselling Skills, Women's Health, Orthopaedic Injection and Musculo-Skeletal Medicine

Contents: 5 compulsory and 1 elective Practical Workshops in selected areas including CPR, Consultation Skills, Counselling Skills, Women's Health, Orthopaedic Injection and Musculo-Skeletal Medicine

Module III & V will be scheduled in Saturday and Sunday afternoons

3. Articulations:

The Course allows (up to a fixed maximum percentage of the Course units) articulations or cross recognition of previous Family Medicine training programmes that provide learning units equivalent to that of the above syllabus. Participants who wish to apply for such articulations have to submit evidence of relevant training together with their application. The granting of articulations is however, completely at the discretion and decision of the Board of DFM.

4. *Schedule:

The whole course requires ONE year of part-time studies.

June to September 2010

November 2010 to January 2011

July 2010 to May 2011

May 2011

Module I

Module II

Module III, IV & V

Final Examination

5. Admission Requirements:

Medical Practitioner with full registration in HKSAR

6. Teaching Staff:

A panel of experienced academic medical professionals in Family Medicine, hospital specialists and experienced Fellows or Trainers of HKCFP will be invited to teach in the programme.

7. Teaching Medium:

English

(Cantonese may be used in some seminars, workshops and clinical attachments)

8. Course Fees:Whole course:

HK\$25,000 for members of HKCFP

HK\$50,000 for non-members

(A discount of HK\$3,000 for early birds who apply on/before May 15, 2010)

In addition, the first 10 General Practitioners in Hong Kong who enroll successfully with the Diploma course on/before the deadline will enjoy further course fee reduction of HK \$2,000.

Individual Modules:

	Members	Non-members
Module I (Distance Learning – Principles of Family Medicine)	\$3,000	\$6,000
Module II (Distance Learning – Common Problems in Family Medicine)	\$3,000	\$6,000
Module III (Structured Lectures & Seminars)	\$2,000	\$4,000
Module IV (Updates & Clinical Attachment)	\$2,600	\$5,200
Module V (Practical Workshops)	\$3,600	\$7,200

All fees must be paid upon application and before commencement of the course. Fees paid are NON-TRANSFERABLE and NON-REFUNDABLE.

9. Awards/Credits:

- i) A Diploma in Family Medicine issued by HKCFP will be awarded to candidates who have satisfied all the requirements and have passed all the required assessment and the Final Examination.
- ii) The Diploma is a **Quotable Qualification** of The Medical Council of Hong Kong.
- iii) 50 CME and 10 CPD credit points will also be awarded to candidates at satisfactory completion of the Course by the QA & A Committee of HKCFP.

10. Application Procedures:

Application is now open.

A completed application form must be returned to The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians with the following:

- i) Photocopy of the current Annual Practising Certificate
- ii) A recent photo of the applicant (passport size)
- iii) A signed "Disclaimer of Liability"
- iv) An application fee of HK\$200 by crossed cheque payable to "HKCFP Holdings and Development Limited". This fee is non-refundable.
- v) A Course Fee of HK\$25,000 (or HK\$50,000 if non-member) by crossed cheque payable to "HKCFP Holdings and Development Limited". This fee is non-refundable unless the application is unsuccessful.

Every successful applicant will be notified by an official letter of admission.

Information and application forms are obtainable at the College or can be downloaded at the College website (<http://www.hkcfp.org.hk>). Members who were not admitted in the course in 2009 have to send in their application again if they want to study the course this year. Please contact the College secretariat, Ms Winnie Lee at 2861 0220 for any queries.

11. Application Deadline: June 18, 2010**12. Comments From Former DFM Graduates**

- The Content is useful in daily practice. I can have hands-on practical skills. I can polish my communication skills during the lectures & workshops.
- I can understand the role of Family Physicians as gatekeepers of health-care system and better know about their role in the society. I also acquire the skills on critical appraisal.
- There are sessions of clinical updates for updating knowledge. Module I, II & III could help improving my knowledge. Module I, II & III could improve my understanding of Family Medicine. Sessions in consultation are invaluable in improving my communication skills.

Dr. Au Chi Lap
Chairman
The Board of DFM

*Course syllabus and schedule may be subject to change without prior notification

#Cantonese and English will be used as the language for teaching and examination.

Certificate Course in Family Medicine (HKCFP) Announcement

The Board is pleased to announce that the Certificate Course in Family Medicine (CFM) organized by The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians will commence in June 2010.

The course consists of FOUR Segments. Segment I will be delivered by Local Distance Learning. Segments II, III & IV consist of lectures, seminars, tutorials and workshops. The whole course requires SIX months of part-time studies.

Details of the course are as follows:

1. Objectives:

- i) To provide knowledgeable, pragmatic and structured teaching in Family Medicine for medical practitioners
- ii) To encourage professional development of practicing medical practitioners and to provide an intermediate step to attain diploma qualifications in Family Medicine
- iii) To improve standards and quality in the practice of Family Medicine

2. *Syllabus:

The course consists of FOUR compulsory segments. Doctors graduated from the course are expected to have acquired:

- i) Current concepts about nature of Family Medicine
- ii) Knowledge and skills in consultation
- iii) knowledge and skills in some common practice procedures required in family practice
- iv) Understandings towards the role of Family Doctors as gatekeepers of the health-care system and in providing cost-effective primary care to the community

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2. Understand the potential growth of Family Medicine

Contents: Practice Management, Care of Elderly & Chronic Illnesses, Anticipatory Care and Introduction to Family Therapy

Segment III - Clinical Updates (Updates)

Aims: To acquire update knowledge in various medical specialties such as Medicine, Surgery, Geriatrics, ENT, Infectious Diseases and Dermatology

Contents: THREE Update seminars

Segment IV - Practical Family Medicine (Practical Workshops)

Aims: Enhance practical skills and consultation skills in Family Medicine by Practical Workshops in some selected areas

Contents: Orthopaedic Injection and Consultation Skills

Segments II, III & IV will be scheduled in Saturday and Sunday afternoons

3. *Schedule:

The whole course requires SIX months of part-time studies.

June to September 2010

Segment I

July to November 2010

Segments II, III, IV

4. Admission Requirements:

Medical Practitioner with full registration in HKSAR

5. Teaching Staff:

A panel of experienced academic medical professionals in Family Medicine, hospital specialists and experienced Fellows or Trainers of HKCFP will be invited to teach in the programme.

6. Teaching Medium:

English

(Cantonese may be used in some seminars and workshops)

7. Course Fees:

HK\$8,000 for members of HKCFP

HK\$16,000 for non-members

All fees must be paid upon application and before commencement of the course. Fees paid are NON-TRANSFERABLE and NON-REFUNDABLE.

8. Awards/ Credits:

- i) A Certificate in Family Medicine issued by HKCFP will be awarded to candidates who have satisfied all the requirements.
- ii) Exemption of relevant segments/ modules if successful candidates wish to proceed further with their studies leading to the Diploma of Family Medicine awarded by HKCFP (Quotable qualification).
- iii) 10 CME and 6 CPD credit points will also be awarded to candidates at satisfactory completion of the Course by the QA & A Committee of HKCFP.

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10. Application Deadline: June 18, 2010

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HKCFP Research Fellowship 2010

Introduction

The HKCFP Research Fellowship was established by the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians to promote research in family medicine. The grant is up to the value of HK\$100,000. It provides the successful candidate with protected time to develop research skills. Applicants are expected to have regular contact with a nominated supervisor with **research doctorate degree or equivalent**.

Eligibility

Applicants for the HKCFP Research Fellowship must be active fellows, active full members or associate members of the HKCFP. New and emerging researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.

Selection criteria

Applications will be judged on*:

- training potential of applicants
- relevance to family medicine and community health
- quality
- value for money
- completeness (incomplete or late applications will not be assessed further)

** Please note that new researchers and those at an early stage of their research careers are encouraged to apply.*

How to apply

1. Application form, terms and conditions of the Fellowship can be downloaded from the College website www.hkcfp.org.hk or obtained from the College Secretariat, HKCFP at Rm. 802, 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong. Tel: 2861 0220 Fax: 2866 0981
2. Applicants must submit:
 - the completed application form,
 - the signed terms and conditions of the HKCFP Research Fellowship,
 - a curriculum vitae from the principle investigator,
 - a curriculum vitae from the co-investigator(s), AND
 - a curriculum vitae from the supervisor.
3. Application deadline: March 31, 2010. Late applications will not be accepted.
4. Applications must be sent to Chairman, Research Committee, The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians, Rm. 802, 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong.

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The 16th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress — 4- 6 November 2009

Dr. Jun Liang

Family Medicine Cluster Coordinator, NTW Cluster, Hospital Authority

The HKCFP is one of the professional colleges contributing to the informative programme and success of this international event.

The 16th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress (HKICC) and 6th Annual Meeting of Centre for Cancer Research were held on 4-6 November 2009 at the Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Faculty of Medicine Building, the University of Hong Kong.

The HKICC aims to foster scientific links among professional disciplines in cancer management. The theme this year was "New Paradigms in Cancer Prevention, Diagnostics and Therapies". The two and a half day conference attracted over 1100 participants. Altogether twenty sessions were held with a wide coverage of topics including: family physician's role in cancer, tumour immunology, gynaecological cancer, public health, liver cancer, oesophageal cancer, targeted therapy, imaging, nursing and psycho-social oncology. In addition to thirty-one local prominent clinicians, scientists and health-care practitioners, fourteen internationally renowned overseas speakers were invited to give talks in the meeting. The highlight was the HKICC lecture on "The allogeneic graft as an immunotherapeutic tool for the treatment of cancer" given by Professor Rupert Handgretinger of University of Tubingen, Germany and the CCR lecture on "Origins and Clinical Applications of Cancer Epigenomics" by Dr. Peter Laird of USC Epigenome Centre, University of Southern California. The presentations by scientists and clinicians in the form of state of the art lectures, symposia and interactive workshops were well received by the audience.

This year, our college had invited Professor Jonathon Emery as the overseas speaker. He is the Professor of General Practice and Head of the School of Primary, Aboriginal and Rural Health Care at the University of Western Australia, speaking on the topic of "New paradigms in cancer prevention, diagnostics and therapeutics in family practice" which was well received by the participants.

To acknowledge the outstanding research work conducted by young researchers and research postgraduate students, a total of four Young Investigator Awards (YIA) in psychosocial oncology and biomedicine were given. We received a record number of 75 abstracts this year. The recipients for the YIA awards were: Ms. Jackie Ka-Yan Lau, Department of Pathology; Ms. Leung-Kuen Au, Department of Pathology; Ms. Angel Ho-Yee Au, School of Public Health and Dr. Janice Tsang, Department of Clinical Oncology.



Dr. Jun Liang presenting souvenir to Professor Jonathon Emery (left)



Group photo

風中暖流 - An Annual Voluntary Elderly Home Visit Program by Primary Health Care Teams

Dr. Frances Yu Sze Kai, Higher Trainee, NTE Cluster
Dr. Christina Cheuk, Basic Trainee, NTE Cluster

With Chinese New Year looming, most of us will be thinking about the friends we will visit, activities we'll be enjoying and which cuisines we are going to sample. Dr. Cheuk and Dr. Yu have been using their time to visit and celebrate the festivities with some of our more elderly friends

Dr. Frances Yu:

This program has been established for 10 years, but this was the first time for me to participate in voluntary home visits. It was a completely different experience from my previous visits to the institutionalized elderly as a community geriatric ambulatory team (CGAT) doctor. This home visit campaign targeted mostly the elderly who were living alone with chronic illnesses and in need of community support services due to difficulty in ambulation. We brought them steaming home-made soup, hand-made woolen clothing, thick blankets and bouquets of beautiful flowers donated by charitable organizations and individuals.



Little gifts bringing heaps of warmth and cheers to the elderly

Our community health care teams are composed of professionals and students from medical, nursing and social work fields as well as volunteers from the community. By combining our expertise, each of us was able to obtain different perspectives and gain a good understanding of the physical and psychosocial condition of the elderly. I felt that home visits were especially relevant to me as a family physician as I can get to know the person as a whole – his coping skills in daily life, level of self care, pastimes, home environment, the surrounding community and his family.



This lady was living alone on the ground floor of a village house, but was able to gain good family support as her son is residing on the floor above.

Indeed, family was a very important element in the life of the elderly whom I visited. I could see their faces brightened by the visit of their kin or by having the prospect of relocation to live near their family members under the new public

housing scheme. With family doctors and allied health professionals working as a team, we can continue to bring warmth and joy and individualized support during home visits to the elderly and their carers.

Dr. Christina Cheuk:



Group photo of volunteer team

"The beauty of life does not depend on how happy you are... But on how happy others can be because of you"
~ George Carlin

We were blessed with the chance to join volunteer work in Tai Po organized by the Social Welfare Department and the Salvation Army. Warmth in the Breeze (風中暖流) is a program aiming to send warmth and love to the elderly in the community by direct home visits. We were grouped with social workers, community volunteers, medical/ nursing students, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and doctors. By performing direct home visits, we can have a better understanding of the difficulties encountered by the local elderly and offer tailor-made and immediate help to them. It may be something as simple as sending more blankets and clothes to them, or directly teaching them how to use their own electronic sphygmomanometer for home blood pressure monitoring.



A simple stove in a village house where tea was made for us.

However, whilst helping them I unexpectedly received much love and warmth from them. A cup of tea, total trust in us, a happy wrinkled smile from the bottom of the heart... 一切盡在不言中.....

Please join us! Through giving love to others, you receive even more from them!!

European Medicine Agency recommends suspension of marketing authorisations for Sibutramine

The European Medicines Agency has recently finalized a safety review of medicines containing sibutramine. On 21 January 2010, the Agency's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) published a press release concluding that the risks of sibutramine-containing products are greater than their benefits, and recommended the suspension of marketing authorizations for these medicines across the European Union¹.

What is Sibutramine?

Sibutramine is a serotonin-noradrenaline re-uptake inhibitor (SNRI)². It prevents the neurotransmitters 5-hydroxytryptamine (serotonin) and noradrenaline from being taken up into nerve cells, which subsequently increases the amount of serotonin and noradrenaline in the brain. Increased levels of these neurotransmitters in the brain help patients to feel full after meals, which helps them to reduce their food intake. They are taken in conjunction with diet and exercise.

Why was sibutramine reviewed?

The review was initiated because data from the Sibutramine Cardiovascular Outcome Trial (SCOUT), in which nearly 10000 patients were enrolled for up to six years, showed an increased risk of serious, non-fatal cardiovascular events (such as stroke or heart attack) with sibutramine (11.4%), compared with placebo (10%)³. The difference was higher than expected, suggesting that sibutramine was associated with an increased cardiovascular risk in the study population.

The CHMP also noted that available data from studies show that the weight loss achieved with sibutramine is modest and may not be sustained after stopping the medicine. Therefore the committee formed the opinion that the benefits of sibutramine as a weight-loss aid do not outweigh the cardiovascular risks.

What are the recommendations of the FDA?

The U.S. Food and Administration (FDA) has also reviewed the data of the SCOUT. Based on the serious nature of the review findings, the FDA requested and the manufacturer agreed to add a new contraindication to the sibutramine drug label stating that sibutramine is not to be used in patients with a history of cardiovascular disease, including:

- History of coronary artery disease
- History of stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA)
- History of heart arrhythmias
- History of congestive heart failure
- History of peripheral arterial disease
- Uncontrolled hypertension (e.g., BP \geq 145/90 mmHg)

Patients currently using sibutramine should discuss with their healthcare professional whether continued use of sibutramine is appropriate for them. Healthcare professionals should regularly monitor the blood pressure and heart rate of patients using sibutramine and if sustained increases in blood pressure and/or heart rate are observed, sibutramine should be discontinued. Moreover, sibutramine should be discontinued in patients who do not lose at least 5% of their baseline body weight within the first three to six months of treatment, as continued treatment is unlikely to be effective and exposes the patient to unnecessary risk.

Once the FDA completes its review of the full study report for SCOUT (expected to be submitted to the FDA by the sponsor in March 2010 with other relevant information related to sibutramine's potential benefits and risks), an open public advisory committee meeting will be conducted to discuss the benefit/risk profile of sibutramine and to determine if additional regulatory actions should be taken to ensure safe use of the medication³.

Compiled by Dr. Alfred Kwong

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Interest Group in Dermatology – the 18th Meeting on 9th January 2010

Dr. Wu Xiao Qing (DFM Candidate)

The 18th Dermatology interest group meeting was held on 9th January 2010. Our speaker was Dr. T.Y. Lee, Hon. Clinical Associate Professor of The University of Hong Kong. The topic was “Skin diseases of hands and feet”.

There are various diseases affecting the skin of hands and feet. Dr. Lee used clinical cases to illustrate the different types of skin diseases which may be encountered during our daily practice.

Pyogenic granuloma is a benign vascular tumor, often occurs in response to injury e.g. cautery, presenting with a red lump. Treatment options are curettage and cautery, or CO2 laser ablation.

Nodular prurigo is a chronic inflammatory disease of the skin characterized by widespread itchy nodular lesions over four limbs and trunk. The lesions are multiple, discrete, grossly lichenified papules and nodules with ill-defined borders and marked excoriation. Treatment includes topical or intra-lesional steroids with supportive measures.

Jelly fish dermatitis presents with sudden sharp pain followed by appearance of linear, erythematous rash with papules or blisters. It is caused by toxins from nematocytes. It can be managed by soaking in mildly hot water, and administration of potent topical steroids, analgesics and antihistamines. Intra-lesion steroid for delayed type of reaction can also be tried but it is rarely used.

Pitted keratolysis is a superficial bacterial infection of the toes and soles by corynebacteria. The superficial part of the toes and soles looks like “being eaten by some unknown organism”. It can be treated with topical fusidic acid, clotrimazole, whitfield’s ointment or oral antibiotics, e.g. erythromycin.

Keratolysis exfoliativa is a superficial exfoliation of palms and soles, presenting with recurrent episodes of scaly rashes on hands. It is usually asymptomatic, neither itchy nor painful. Culture for fungus is negative. Management includes

reassurance, and use of emollients or mild steroids. Whitefield’s ointment can be used.

Chronic paronychia is often associated with changes of chronic dermatitis. For management of chronic paronychia, it is most important to keep hands dry. Topical anti-fungal and mild steroid can be used. E.g. 1% hydrocortisone and clotrimazole.

Asteatotic dermatitis of hands is a very common side effect of isotretinoin. It can be managed by 1% hydrocortisone ointment. It should be remembered that tetracycline group of drugs must not be prescribed together with isotretinoin. Both can cause raised intracranial pressure.

“Raynaud’s phenomenon” is a term describing those episodic events that present as vasoconstriction of the digital arteries, precapillary arterioles and cutaneous arteriovenous shunts. It affects approximately 5-10% of the population. It affects mostly women and usually appears between the age of 15-20 (almost always before the age of 40). For Primary Raynaud’s Phenomenon, about one quarter of patients have family history of Raynaud’s Phenomenon in a first-degree relative. The symptoms are generally milder than in Secondary Raynaud’s Phenomenon. Treatment includes keeping warm, quit smoking and control of stress. Calcium-Channel Blockers can be used as pharmacologic treatment.



Dr. Lee Tze Yuen (Left) and Dr. Stephen Foo

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Further particulars and application forms (152/708) can be obtained at <http://www.hku.hk/apptunit/>; by fax (2540 6735 or 2559 2058); e-mail (senrappt@hku.hk); **in person** or **by writing** to the Appointments Unit, Human Resource Section, Registry, Room 1001, Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong. **Closes March 8, 2010. Candidates who are not contacted within 3 months of the closing date may consider their applications unsuccessful.**

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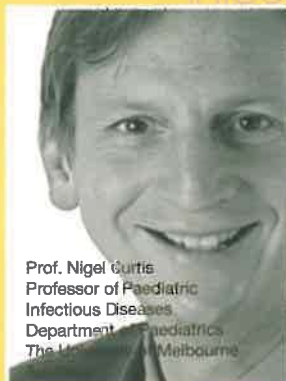
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"Immunising the Newborn Baby & what it teaches about Neonatal Immunity"

Professor David Isaacs

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Time: 12:45 - 17:35

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- Registered as a medical practitioner in the Medical Council of Hong Kong with about 2 years of medical practice experience
- Work for 20 - 45 hours per week

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(Ref. No: HKPFP1002 - GPCSS)

- Registered as a medical practitioner in The Medical Council of Hong Kong with a minimum of 5 years of medical practice experience plus solid experience in skin centre or hospital
- Qualification in Aesthetic Medicine with exposure in performing various cosmetic procedures such as IPL, Laser and Botox. Candidate with Diploma in Practical Dermatology and/or Diploma in Dermatology is preferred
- Candidate who would like to apply for FT / PT cosmetic skin service professional, or start as GP and build up cosmetic skin service will also be considered

We offer attractive remuneration and fringe benefits. Interested parties please send your full resume with current salary, expected salary and reference code to Human Resources Department, Quality HealthCare Medical Services Limited, 4/F, 303 Des Voeux Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong or via e-mail to hrd@qhms.com

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ASSESSMENT ENHANCEMENT COURSE FOR FAMILY PHYSICIANS 2010

Organizer	:	Assessment Enhancement Sub-committee, Board of Education, HKCFP
Tutors	:	Family Medicine Specialists, Fellows of HKCFP and RACGP
Supervisors	:	Dr. Wong Ka Wah and Dr. Chan Chi Wai
Co-ordinator	:	Dr. Peter Anthony Fok
Objectives	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To improve clinical knowledge, problem solving and consultation skills through different workshops 2. To improve physical examination technique and clinic procedural skills through hands-on experience 3. To provide opportunity for inter-professional communication and social network expansion through self help group 4. To improve time management through simulated examination
Venue	:	Duke of Windsor Social Service Building and HKAM Jockey Club Building
Date	:	6 months' course starting from April 2010
Course Structure	:	<p>The course will consist of 4 main components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seminars 2. Workshops 3. Self-help Group Supports 4. Mock Exam <p>Seminars and Workshops will be arranged on Saturday afternoons (2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)</p>
Accreditation	:	Up to 15 CME points (Category 4.4) & 5 CPD points (Category 3.15) for the whole course
Course Fee	:	<p>Members : HK\$3,200 (Whole AEC course) HK\$900 (Spot admission for each seminar or workshop)</p> <p>All cheques payable to "HKCFP Education Ltd" All Fees received are non-refundable and non-transferable.</p>
Capacity	:	50 doctors maximum
Enrolment	:	<p>Enrolment is now open. Please call the College Secretariat, Ms Dickie Lam, at 2861 0220 for details.</p> <p>Successful applications will be informed later.</p>
Disclaimer	:	All cases and answers are suggested by our tutors only. They are not model answers for any assessment/examination.
Remarks	:	Board of Education will organize a Post-AEC training course for category 2 candidates who had enrolled in AEC.

Assessment Enhancement Course 2010 Timetable for Workshop

Date	Topics	Venue
Apr 24, 2010 (Sat) 2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Introduction	Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wanchai
Jun 12, 2010 (Sat) 2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Approach to Physical Complaints	Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wanchai
Jul 10, 2010 (Sat) 2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Problem Solving Skills	Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wanchai
Aug 14, 2010 (Sat) 2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Viva Practice: Enhance Interprofessional Communication	Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wanchai
Sep 11, 2010 (Sat) 2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Proper Physical Examination & Common Clinic Procedures	Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wanchai
Oct 2, 2010 (Sat) 2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Mock Exam	HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road

- Please wear a surgical mask if you have respiratory tract infection and confirm that you are afebrile before coming to the meeting.
- Private Video Recording is not allowed. Members, who wish to review the lecture, please contact our secretariat.

6 February 2010 Saturday

Board of Education Interest Group in Dermatology

Aim	To form a regular platform for interactive sharing and discussion of interesting dermatological cases commonly seen in our daily practice	
Theme	Infant Dermatology	
Speaker	Dr. V K Sugunan Specialist in Paediatrics	
Co-ordinator & Chairman	Dr. Wong Nai Ming The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians	
Time	1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Lunch 2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Theme Presentation & Discussion	
Venue	5/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	
Admission Fee	Members	Free
	Non – members	HK\$ 300.00
	HKAM Registrants	HK\$ 150.00
	All fees received are non-refundable and non-transferable.	
Accreditation	2 CME Points HKCFP (Cat. 4.3) 2 CPD Points HKCFP (Cat. 3.15) 2 CME Points MCHK	
Language	Lecture will be conducted in English.	
Registration	Registration will be first come first served. Please reserve your seat as soon as possible.	
Note	Participants are encouraged to present own cases for discussion. Please forward your cases to the Co-ordinator via the College secretariat 2 weeks prior to meeting.	

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3. Acneiform Eruptions: Diagnosis and Management

Dr. Hui Shiu Kee
Dermatologist

4. Traditional Chinese Therapy and Dermatoses

Dr. Lee Tze Yuen
Dermatologist

Chairman	Dr. Yeung To Ling, Solomon The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians	
Time	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lectures & Discussion	
Venue	Ballroom, 3/F, Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel, 20 Nathan Road, Tsimshatsui Kowloon	
Admission Fee	Members	Free
	Non – members	HK\$ 300.00
	HKAM Registrants	HK\$ 150.00
	All fees received are non-refundable and non-transferable.	
Accreditation	2 CME Points HKCFP (Cat. 4.3) 2 CME Points MCHK Up to 2 CPD Points (Subject to submission of satisfactory report of Professional Development Log)	
Language	Lecture will be conducted in English.	
Registration	Registration will be first come first served. Please reserve your seat as soon as possible.	

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14 March 2010 Sunday

Dermatology Update

Topics and Speakers:

1. Update of Management of Atopic Dermatitis

Dr. Yeung Chi Keung
Dermatologist

2. Common Skin Viral Infections: Be Aware of their Atypical Presentations and Management

Dr. Chong Lai Yin
Dermatologist

28 March 2010

Sunday

CPR Examination

Aim	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Venue	4/F & 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	
Co-organizer	The Hong Kong College of Cardiology	
Capacity	60 doctors	
Venue	5/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	
Admission	Members	HK\$900.00
Fee	Non - members	HK\$1,600.00
	Members with expired CPR Certificates	HK\$200.00
	Non-members with expired CPR Certificates	HK\$400.00
	All cheques payable to "HKCFP Education Ltd". All fees received are non-refundable and non-transferable.	

Each successful candidate will be awarded a CPR Certificate valid for 2 years. Please contact Ms Dickie Lam at 2861 0220 for registration on/ before 19 March, 2010. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

Monthly Video Viewing Sessions -

Monthly video viewing sessions will be scheduled on the last Friday of each month at 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at 8/F, Old College Premises, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

February's session:

Date	26 February, 2010 (Friday)
Time	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Topic	Ketamine (K仔) Associated Ulcerative Cystitis - Dr. Ida Mah
Admission	Members Only
Accreditation	1 CME Point HKCFP (Cat. 4.2) 1 CME Point MCHK Up to 2 CPD Points (Subject to submission of satisfactory report of Professional Development Log)
Language	Lecture will be conducted in Cantonese.

March's session:

Date	26 March, 2010 (Friday)
Time	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Topic	Use of Topical Agents in Dermatology - Dr. William K. K. Fung (with Q & A Session)
Admission	Members Only
Accreditation	1 CME Point HKCFP (Cat. 4.2) 1 CME Point MCHK Up to 2 CPD Points (Subject to submission of satisfactory report of Professional Development Log)
Language	Lecture will be conducted in English and Cantonese.

Community Education Programmes

Open and free to all members
HKCFP CME points accreditation (Cat 5.2)

Date/Time/CME	Venue	Topic/Speaker/Co-organizer	Registration
20 March 2010 (Sat) 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. 2 CME points	Training Room ii, 1/F, OPD Block, Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital, 118 Shatin Pass Road, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon	Refresher Course for Health care Providers 2009/2010 - Psychotherapy in Primary Care Setting Dr. Cheung Kit Ying, Andy Our Lady of Maryknoll & Hong Kong Medical Association	Ms. Clara Tsang Tel: 2354 2440 Fax: 2327 6852

Structured Education Programmes

Free to members
HKCFP CME points accreditation (Cat 4.3)

Date/Time/CME	Venue	Topic/Speaker(s)	Registration
18 Feb 10 (Thur)			
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen Mun Hospital	Guideline Development Dr. Wong Fai Ying and Dr. Sze Chung Fai	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 041, 21/F, Pamela Youde Nethersole Hospital	Update on Diabetes Dr. Cheung Wing Kin	Ms. Kwong Tel: 2595 6941

23 Feb 10 (Tue)

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. 3 CME points	F2029A, 2/F, Special Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Journal Club Part 1 Dr. Ng Mei Po	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
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24 Feb 10 (Wed)

2:30 – 5:00 p.m. 3 CME points	AB1028, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Evidence-based Practice Dr. Wong Chun Fai	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital	Professional Ethics – Local Cases Sharing Dr. Cheng Chun Sing, David	Ms. Man Chan Tel: 2922 6159
5:00 – 7:30 p.m. 3 CME points	Li Ka Shing Specialist Clinic, 3/F, Seminar Room, Prince of Wales Hospital	Management of Patients with Chronic Pain Dr. Mak Hoi Ting	Ms. Peony Yue Tel: 2632 3480

25 Feb 10 (Thur)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen Mun Hospital	Subfertility Dr. Ho Chun Yu and Dr. Wong Man Kin	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 041, 21/F, Pamela Youde Nethersole Hospital	Premarital Health Checkup Dr. Wu Xiao Qing	Ms. Kwong Tel: 2595 6941

2 Mar 10 (Tue)

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. 3 CME points	F2029A, 2/F, Special Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Teaching Medical Students Dr. Chu Tsun Kit	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
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3 Mar 10 (Wed)

2:30 – 5:00 p.m. 3 CME points	AB1028, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Information Management and Technology Dr. Cheuk Tat Sang	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital	Journal Club Basic and higher Family Medicine trainees Dr. Cheung Man Ha, Belinda	Ms. Man Chan Tel: 2922 6159
5:00 – 7:30 p.m. 3 CME points	Li Ka Shing Specialist Clinic, 3/F, Seminar Room, Prince of Wales Hospital	Community Service in Occupational Therapy Mr. Tse Yee Wai, Ewert	Ms. Peony Yue Tel: 2632 3480

4 Mar 10 (Thur)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen Mun Hospital	Medical Service by NGOs in Hong Kong Dr. Chan Chi Ho	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 041, 21/F, Pamela Youde Nethersole Hospital	Fall Prevention in the Community Dr. Violet Leung	Ms. Kwong Tel: 2595 6941

9 Mar 10 (Tue)

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. 3 CME points	F2029A, 2/F, Special Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Bereavement Counselling Dr. Sze Lung Yam	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
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10 Mar 10 (Wed)

2:30 – 5:00 p.m. 3 CME points	AB1028, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Public-Private Interface Dr. Ho Tsz Bun	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital	Review of FM Training Dr. Ko Wai Kit	Ms. Man Chan Tel: 2922 6159
5:00 – 7:30 p.m. 3 CME points	Li Ka Shing Specialist Clinic, 3/F, Seminar Room, Prince of Wales Hospital	Emergency ENT Problem and its Management Dr. Wong Pak Kei	Ms. Peony Yue Tel: 2632 3480

11 Mar 10 (Thur)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen Mun Hospital	Emergency Management of Common Home Accidents Dr. Wu Sze Man and Dr. Tse Hing Choi	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 041, 21/F, Pamela Youde Nethersole Hospital	Management of Clinical Emergencies Dr. Cheung Wen Ling	Ms. Kwong Tel: 2595 6941

16 Mar 10 (Tue)

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. 3 CME points	F2029A, 2/F, Special Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Anticipatory Care in Patients of Different Age Groups Dr. Hung Chi Bun	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
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17 Mar 10 (Wed)

2:30 – 5:00 p.m. 2.5 CME points	AB1028, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	ACLS Part 1 Dr. Leung Hoi Lik	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital	Primary Care – Specialist Interface: A Model Thru Rheumatology / Immunology Case Study Dr. Wong Kee Lam	Ms. Man Chan Tel: 2922 6159
5:00 – 7:30 p.m. 3 CME points	Li Ka Shing Specialist Clinic, 3/F, Seminar Room, Prince of Wales Hospital	Critical Appraisal Dr. Wong Wai On	Ms. Peony Yue Tel: 2632 3480

18 Mar 10 (Thur)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen Mun Hospital	Memory Impairment and Dementia Dr. Ho Chun Yu and Dr. Cheng Sai Yip	Ms. Chan Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points	Room 041, 21/F, Pamela Youde Nethersole Hospital	Journal Club 1Q Dr. Lo Shiu Bong	Ms. Kwong Tel: 2595 6941



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